

Youth Advisory Committee

The Youth Advisory Committee will be a one-year program that provides high school juniors and seniors throughout Nevada the opportunity to engage in the legislative process. This program will bring students together across the Silver State to work on addressing federal issues, bring forth diverse and innovative ideas, and recommend policy changes to U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen that will help move Nevada forward.

Committee Chairpersons

Chairpersons will lead the Nevada Youth Advisory Committee. The Nevada Youth Advisory Committee Ambassadors will select the chair. Only ambassadors are eligible for the role of chair. The Chairs will be elected from each of the four regions.

The Chairs will serve as the voice for their region. Each Chair will present their regions legislative issues during the statewide convening.

Ambassadors

This summer, the office will open applications to incoming high school seniors and juniors to find (30) ambassadors representing each county in Nevada.

- Carson City (1)
- Churchill County (1)
- Clark County (9)
- Douglas County (1)
- Elko County (3)
- Eureka County (1)
- Humboldt County (1)
- Lander County (1)
- Lincoln County (1)
- Lyon County (1)
- Mineral County (1)
- Nye County (1)
- Pershing County (1)
- Storey County (1)
- Washoe County (5)

- White Pine County (1)

The ambassadors will make up the Nevada Youth Advisory Committee. Each respective region will have a sub-committee, led by the ambassadors from the respective region.

Ambassador Requirements

The Office of Senator Jacky Rosen is looking to find highly motivated students who would like to assume the role of an ambassador for this program.

Once selected, ambassadors will be required to:

- Attend at least two (2) regional sub-committee meetings;
- Help create a plan for the region;
- and attend annual convening.

Sub-Committees

Each respective region will have a sub-committee, led by the ambassadors from the respective region. The sub-committee should be open to all students who wish to attend. The goal of each sub-committee will be to ensure that every student has an opportunity to engage and share their thoughts with their ambassadors.

Sub-Committee Meetings will take place once a quarter.

Regions

Sub-Committees will be formed for the following four regions in Nevada:

Region 1 will consist of the following counties: Lincoln, Nye, Esmeralda, Mineral, Lyon, Storey and Churchill

Region 2 will consist of the following counties: Pershing, Lander, Eureka, White Pine, Humboldt, and Elko

Region 3 will consist of the following counties: Washoe, Carson, and Douglas

Region 4 will consist of the following counties: Clark

Format

Selection Process:

The application for the Youth Advisory Committee will be released mid-July and stay open until the end of August.

Requirements

Any students interested in applying must meet the following requirements:

- An incoming junior or senior for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year
- Minimum GPA of 2.0

Students who are interested in applying for the Youth Advisory Committee will need to complete the Youth Advisory Committee application and submit an official school transcript, two letters of recommendations and a 500 word essay on an issue important to Nevadans, and how our federal government can resolve the problem. Application will be available at www.rosen.senate.gov.

Once the application closes, the office of Senator Jacky Rosen will select a list of students to interview for the program.

The interview process will begin mid-August. The state offices will conduct interviews for students.

After the interview process, the Senator's office will make their selections for Ambassadors.

Ambassadors will then convene and select their respective chairperson.

Meetings:

Regional Sub-Committee Meetings - Quarterly

Goal: Develop regional legislative priorities, identify policy solutions, and provide recommendations to the Nevada Youth Advisory Committee.

The first sub-committee meeting will be a discussion regarding how the environment, clean energy, education and cybersecurity affects Nevada.

The Second and Third sub-committee meeting will focus on identifying legislative priorities and recommendations.

Each Chair will email all Youth Advisory Committee members a one pager regarding meeting takeaways and updates.

Statewide Convening – Annually

Statewide convenings will be held via virtual tools. While the host region will be able to physically convene, the Office of Senator Rosen will ensure that every region has equal access to the convening.

- The statewide convening will take place May 16, 2020

Goal: Develop statewide regional priorities, identify policy solutions and provide final recommendations to Senator Rosen.

Topics: Students will be asked to provide legislative ideas relating to the environment, clean energy, education or cybersecurity. During the Statewide convening, each region will present their proposed legislative ideas to the Senator.

Meeting Schedule

Regional Meeting - September 2019

Regional Meeting - December 2019

Regional Meeting - March 2020

Statewide Convening - May 2020

Terms

Each student must maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout the duration of this program. They must attend an office-sponsored seminar and a minimum of 2 regional meetings. After the last regional meeting, the students will be required to submit a 3 page essay detailing their experience on the Youth Advisory Committee. The essay will be due the third Friday of May.

Each student will receive a letter of recommendation from Senator Jacky Rosen if they meet all the terms of the program.

Educational Component

It's important that this program better each student's understanding of the federal government. This program will provide each participant with:

- Access to monthly meetings with community mentors;
- Access to legislative staff, who will help students understand the federal legislative process;
- Networking opportunities; and
- An ability to directly tackle Nevada's most pressing issues.

Partnerships

This program cannot be successful without the partnership of the Nevada Department of Education. The Office of Senator Rosen will therefore work with the Nevada Department of Education to ensure every student benefits from this program. We will also establish partnerships with community groups in Nevada, including Communities in Schools, Get Outdoors Nevada, One Green Planet and many more.

This program will look to provide each student with skills that will help them in their professional life. The office of Senator Jacky Rosen will work with Nevada professionals that will provide seminars on resume building, public speaking, interview skills and other tools that will help each student grow as a professional.

The office will also seek to establish a relationship with every school district in the state of Nevada. We will contact the superintendent from each school district to inform them of this opportunity. This program will need the support of its local school districts.

Nevada School Districts

- Carson City School District – Superintendent Richard Stokes
- Churchill School District - Superintendent Summer Stephens
- Clark County School District - Superintendent Jesus Jara
- Douglas County School District - Superintendent Teri White
- Elko School District - Superintendent Todd Pehrson
- Esmeralda School District - Superintendent M. Neil Terhune
- Eureka School District - Superintendent Dan Wold
- Humboldt School District - Superintendent David Jensen
- Lander School District - Superintendent Russell Klein
- Lincoln School District - Superintendent Pam Teal
- Lyon School District - Superintendent Wayne Workman
- Mineral School District - Superintendent Karen Watson
- Nye School District - Superintendent Dale Norton
- Pershing School District - Superintendent Russell Fecht
- Storey School District - Superintendent Todd Hess
- Washoe County School District - Superintendent Traci Davis
- White Pine School District - Superintendent Adam Young
- NV School Superintendent-Jhone Ebert

Community Partners

Office Component

A Regional Representative from the Northern and Southern Nevada office of Senator Jacky Rosen will serve as the point of contact for each student on the Youth Advisory Committee. This Representative will work with the Committee to schedule meetings and provide information regarding upcoming events.

Timeline

July 2020- Application opens

Late July 2020- Application closes

Mid-August 2019- Interview process begins

Late August 2019- Ambassadors Selected

September 2019 – Regional Meeting/ Chairs selected

December 2019 – Regional Meeting

March 2020 – Regional Meeting

May 2020 – Statewide Convening